

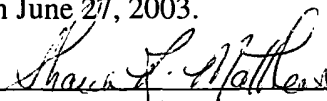


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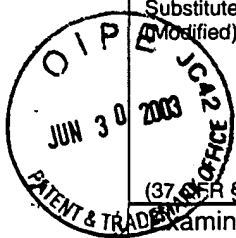
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A1	Hsich, Gary, et al, "The 14-3-3 Brain Protein in Cerebrospinal Fluid as a Marker for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies," The New England Journal of Medicine, 1996, Vol., 335, No. 13, pgs. 924-931.
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